

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
GRUSKIN et al. : Confirmation No.: 6177
Serial No. 10/524,495 : Group Art Unit: 1652
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This is a Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed in response to the Final Office Action issued March 30, 2010. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

This response is timely-filed. The Office Action set forth a three-month shortened statutory period for reply; a request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response such that a response is due on or before September 30, 2010. This submission and the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) acts as extension of time for timely submission. The USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, and thus, this response is timely filed and is fully responsive to the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks being on page 5.